

First Woman Border Patrol Supervisor Dies

Carol Ann Fetty (01/16/45 – 08/20/02)

Retired Supervisory Special Agent Carol Ann Fetty, the first female Border Patrol supervisor, died at her home in San Diego early Wednesday morning after an extended battle with lung cancer. She was 57.

Fetty was born 1/16/45 in Pontiac Michigan. She entered on duty with U.S. Border Patrol class #116 at the Chula Vista Station on 7/31/77. Fetty was the fourth woman to join the Patrol.

At 5'1" tall and 105 lbs., Fetty quickly gained the reputation of a very dedicated and professional agent who never considered gender an issue. Described as a "powerhouse of energy," she earned the respect of the agents who worked with her in the field.

Fetty was promoted to the position of supervisor at the Brownfield station on 1/8/84. As the first female supervisor in the Border Patrol, she overcame many difficulties and prejudices with professionalism and a hard work ethic. In 1988, she accepted the position of special agent with the Tucson Sector's Anti-Smuggling Unit in Sierra Vista, Arizona. She was promoted to supervisory special agent on 10/30/94. After serving the I&NS for more than 23 years, Fetty retired in January of 2000.

Carol Fetty is survived by her mother, Lovetta Kropp; two daughters, Rhonda and Lisha; two sons, Timothy and Lestor; and eight grandchildren.

